

NEIL ABERCROMBIE GOVERNOR

April 23, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 23, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1102

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FROM THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND. ACT 039 (13)

> NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawaii

SB. NO. 1102

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FROM THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. THIS ACT IS recommended by the governor for
2 .	immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3	the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.
4	SECTION 2. Hospitals in the State face major financial
5	challenges in providing quality health care for Hawaii
6	residents, due in part to the care provided to medicaid
7	enrollees. Payments for these clients do not cover the actual
8	costs of care. To address this challenge, the hospital
9	sustainability program special fund was established by Act 217,
10	Session Laws of Hawaii 2012. Use of revenue from the hospital
11	sustainability program special fund includes increasing medicaid
12	payments to private hospitals. In order to avoid any delay in
13	payment to the hospitals for fiscal year 2012-2013, advancement
14	of moneys from the health care payments program (HMS 401) for
15	those payments to hospitals will be made until payments can be
16	made from the special fund.

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1	This emergency appropriation will ensure continued timely
2	payments to the hospitals and will ensure that there will be no
3	disruption in the provision of medically necessary services to
4	program recipients.
5	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the hospital
6	sustainability program special fund the sum of \$43,000,000, or
7	so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2012-2013,
8	with such moneys to be used consistent with the hospital
9	sustainability program special fund, including the reimbursement
10	of moneys advanced in fiscal year 2012-2013 from the health care
11	payments program (HMS 401).
12	SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
13	department of human services for the purposes of this Act.
14	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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	APPROVED this $oldsymbol{2}$ $oldsymbol{3}$ day of $oldsymbol{APR}$, 2013

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII